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Judge Hightower rules on jury venire lawsuit

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Those challenging the constitutionality of the new jury selection law for Coffee County have finally had their day in court.

Judge William Hightower, the special assignment Coffee County Circuit Judge assigned to hear the case, has handed down his ruling. It was filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office on November 27, 1996.

The case was heard on Wednesday, October 30, after being postponed on two other occasions.

Judge Hightower's order read as follows:

"Act 96-454 does not apply to crimes alleged to have been committed prior to May 20, 1996, and is not unconstitutional as to those offenses."

According to the judge's ruling, this means that individuals charged with alleged criminal acts occurring before the date of the new law being approved by the Governor, May 20, 1996, will be tried by jurors chosen from a jury venire of persons living in the legal division in which the alleged crime occurred.

The suit was filed by Elba attorney Garth Lindsey and Enterprise attorney Stafford Pittman on behalf of their respective clients Michelle Daugherty and Brick Miller. Each of these two individuals face criminal trials and they claim it is unconstitutional to try them using the jury-at-large venire.

In the judge's lengthy narrative, the issue of civil cases was not addressed.

However, the Elba Civil Jury term of court scheduled to be held starting November 29 was cancelled by Judge Gary L. McAlleley, Presiding Circuit Judge - 12th Judicial Circuit of Alabama.

An attempt was made to contact Judge McAlleley concerning the court cancellation and his comments, if any, concerning Judge Hightower's recent ruling.

State Representative Garth Moore, who sponsored the jury-at-large law, said, "I am pleased Judge Hightower understood the legislative intent of Act 96-454 and issued an order accordingly."

"I feel the lawyers involved in this challenge will appeal this decision as far as they can, or file another lawsuit. There is simply too much money involved for them to let it go."

He continued, "They feel that with smaller pools of potential jurors they have the scales of justice tipped slightly in their favor."

Three escapees' freedom from county jail short-lived

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Three escapees have been returned to the confines of the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton.

On Wednesday night, November 27, three inmates of the county jail managed to overpower on-duty correction officers, exit the facility and scale the rear fence of the exercise yard making their escape.

Willie James Daniels, 41, Kelvin Gerald Scott, 18, and Wallace Daniels, Jr., 24, were the three prisoners who managed the breakout.

Scott and Wallace Daniels, Jr. were both captured Wednesday night at 9:30 p.m. They were only a short distance from the jail.

Scott was hiding in a chicken house located just north of the Farm Center in New Brockton. Wallace Daniels was taken into custody in the housing project just off King Street in New Brockton.

On Thanksgiving Day at approximately 2:30 p.m., an off-duty correction officer spotted Willie Daniels attempting U. S. Highway 84, approximately a quarter of a mile from the jail.

The area was quickly sealed off and an Elba K-9 unit was brought in to find Daniels. He was caught lying in some thick brush and taken into custody without incident.

Wallace Daniels was in jail after being convicted of first-degree assault and first-degree rape.

Scott is charged with attempted rape, sodomy and second-degree kidnapping. He was convicted of rape in Dale County and is facing a 90-year sentence in prison.

Wallace Daniels was in jail awaiting trial on charges of first-degree robbery and attempted murder.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Mosier was pleased that the three escapees were apprehended in such a short time.

All three of the prisoners now face the additional charge of escape in the first degree.



CIVIL AIR PATROL WEEK... Elba Mayor James E. Grimes proclaimed December 1, 1996 through December 7, 1996 as Civil Air Patrol Week in Elba. The Elba Senior Squadron Civil Air Patrol, a civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force headquartered at the Elba airport, is dedicated to volunteer public service in the interest of the community, state and national welfare. Members of the squadron give of their time and resources for the benefit of their fellow Americans through aerial and ground search operations, through humanitarian and mercy flights, and many other unselfish acts in time of emergency. December 1, 1996 marks the 55th anniversary of the founding of the Civil Air Patrol. Pictured above are Mayor Grimes and Lt. Col. Jim Driscoll, commander of the local squadron.

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Chief Ward also thanked the membership for the many hours of volunteer service that the nearly 200 volunteer firefighters in Coffee County contribute to their communities.

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HAPPENINGS

COUNCIL MEETING The New Brockton Town Council rescheduled its monthly meeting for Monday, December 9, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in city hall.

NEEDY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY The annual Needy Children's Christmas Party is set for Friday, December 20, at the home of Judge and Mrs. Gary McAlleley. Any individuals or groups who wish to make a contribution may do so by contacting Eva McGrath at 393-3618 during the day or Janet McAlleley at 347-0484 after 5 p.m. or mail the contribution to: The Children's Christmas Fund, 609 West College Street, Enterprise, AL 36330.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 9, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

COFFEE CO. BOE MEETING The Coffee County Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 5, in the board room located in the Central Office in Elba.

TOYS, TOYS AND MORE TOYS...are needed now. Pictured above with Elba Mayor James E. Grimes are personnel from DHR (Department of Human Resources) looking over some of the toys that have already been donated toward making Christmas a little brighter for Elba area children. The City of Elba and Chamber of Commerce are joining forces with DHR in making this project work. The group are requesting toys, new and those in good shape (in need of no repair), be donated to this cause. Drop off points in Elba are: city hall (during business hours) and the police department. Applications for recipients of the toys are being taken by DHR. The date for the distribution of the toys is Thursday, Dec. 19, at the old Army Reserve Center on Claxton Ave. Pictured are (l-r): Herby McCall, Mayor Grimes, Cheryl Hancock, Beverly Collins, Elaine Dodd, and Barbara Hudson.



FESTIVAL FINALE... Elba's Christmas Festival '96 concluded with a flag raising ceremony at the new lighted flag pole in front of city hall. As the Elba High School Marching Band played the national anthem and a police honor guard stood at attention, three local Boy Scouts (Picture above (l-r): Chad Barabare, Justin Allen, and Blake Lambert) raised the new flag which has flown over the U. S. Capitol. Next week's edition of *The Elba Clipper* will have pictures of the day's activities.

Local FD promotes fire safety

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The local fire department sponsors a fire safety program in Elba's Elementary School.

The Elba Fire Department, with the help of donations from local merchants, provides the elementary school with the *Learn Not to Burn*

Curriculum.

The *Learn Not to Burn Curriculum* was prepared by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to implement a nationwide effective fire safety education program.

The *Curriculum* is now in use in tens of thousands of classrooms across the nation and abroad. By educating children, fire safe living is encouraged throughout their entire lifetimes.

Since the *Curriculum's* introduction, NFPA has been notified of nearly 100 lives that have been

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Ino VFD dedicates new fire station

Recently the Coffee County Firefighters Association met for its quarterly meeting in the Ino Community at the Ino Volunteer Fire Department on Alabama Highway 134 east of Enterprise.

This was the first association meeting in the new Ino Volunteer Fire Department building.

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New driver licenses for Alabamians in 1997

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A new, more secure driver license will be available in Alabama beginning in mid-1997.

The new license will feature digital photo image signature and other positive identification features. It will also include a two-dimensional bar code and a hologram overlay to help prevent driver license counterfeiting and fraudulent alterations of the license.

Under the new license issuance system, applicants for new and renewal license will receive temporary black and white photo licenses (current temporary license do not provide a photograph) from county probate judge or license commissioner offices.

The system, when fully implemented, will allow the probate judge/license commissioner clerks to view the electronic image of photos on file to see if they match persons seeking replacement licenses. Permanent licenses will be produced and mailed from Department of Public Safety headquarters in Montgomery.

"In addition to providing increased driver license security, the new license system will help insure more efficient and reliable customer service," said Col. L. N. Hagan, Public Safety director.

The new system will improve customer service by offering expedited production of licenses. Most applicants should receive their license within about a week rather than three to four weeks required by the current system. The new system will also feature simpler operation at work stations and enhance on-line help for probate judge/license commissioner issuing clerks.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Elba Christmas Festival last Saturday was a success, in spite of the rain threats and the actual sprinkles during the evening parade. However, we have discovered the secret to avoiding any more droughts in this area. When the weather folks think there will be a bad dry spell, they need to just notify the Elba Chamber of Commerce to schedule a festival. This year the event was backed up two weeks to avoid the bad winter weather. . . well it still rained on festival day.

The Christmas parade had some dedicated workers building floats, costumes and just being there. We take special note of an unusual parade float. The Mallory family, well, at least 25 of Doris Mallory's children and grandchildren, joined her on a parade float. Family and Christmas go together and we salute this family for exhibiting that spirit! They have always been big on "family doings" and now they are spreading that joy to all of us.

Thanksgiving Day, and the whole holiday, should be classified a success around our house. Everyone is healthy, warm and dry, plus there was ample food for all and the amount of leftover groceries is manageable. The ham sandwich Tuesday was meat from Thanksgiving, the dressing is all gone as are several other dishes. The cake and pecan pie have long ago disappeared. It was all good.

Saturday afternoon people kept walking up and talking about the Florida-Florida State football game. It got so bad we just went home and watched the second half. After the Florida coach said so much last week about that game not being as important as the SEC championship this week with Alabama, his players apparently adopted the same attitude. Anyway, Florida State won and we are kinda glad. If remaining #1 in the nation wasn't important to Steve Spurrier, then maybe it will be to Bobby Bowden and the "Noles." Of course we understand some avid Alabama fans wanted Florida to win . . . didn't want them traveling to Atlanta this Saturday - mad!

C-SPAN, and other news outlets, carried extensive reports on hearings before the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington on the Brady gun control law. A bunch of law enforcement folks think it is unconstitutional for them to be required to do background checks on anyone wanting to buy a gun. They may be right, or maybe many of them just don't want the extra work. Either way, we don't consider it unconstitutional. It would not bother us to wait three or four days while a check on our character is made. Such a check will not stop killings, but it just might slow it down.

Also on C-SPAN, we heard California sheriffs anguishing before congressional hearings on the problems with certain California laws (passed by the voters) legalizing certain drugs for certain medical purposes. This is a hard one. We are bad against those mind altering drugs . . . we don't even take an aspirin unless absolutely necessary. However, if smoking a joint would stop a constantly sick, sick stomach and we were dying anyway . . . our attitude just might be altogether different. Then flipping back to the other side, we share the frustrations of one of the sheriffs. How do you stop some "pill popping" doctor from prescribing LSD, etc., for all his buddies?

The City of Elba has long recycled cardboard boxes. They have slowly gotten into recycling newspapers. Watch for the soon to go big time with newspapers, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, etc. It will save room at the landfill, save \$17 a ton fee at the landfill and the stuff can be sold for a little money!

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

NOVEMBER 26 Thru DECEMBER 2, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, November 26, 1996, investigated the following incidents: one theft of property, one harassment, one DUI, one driving while driver license is revoked, one criminal mischief, one robbery, and one public intoxication.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: one for theft of property, one harassment, one for VPL, and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: four for speeding, two for an expired tag, one for driver's license required, two for driver's license suspended, two for DUI, two for driving while driver's license is revoked, one for passing in a no-passing zone, and one for driving without a license.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - River stage - 4.09 feet (6:37 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank; Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - River stage - 4.62 feet (6:20 a.m.); Alarm at the Peoples Bank (8:06 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Herman Driggers Drive (8:22 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on Caroline Street (10:47 a.m.).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - River stage - 4.77 feet (6:45 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84E (8:06 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Boutwell St. (9:33 a.m.).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - Disturbance (loud music) reported on Jackson St. (1:07 a.m.); River stage - 4.65 feet (6:20 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Caroline St. (4:17 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Ann St. (6:50 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - River stage - 4.40 feet (6:48 a.m.); Rescue run to Tootle Bug's on Jones St. (9:02 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Beaver Dam Apts. (11:11 a.m.); House fire on Gibson St. (2:20 p.m.); Alarm at Kelley's Packing House (2:26 p.m.); Rescue run to Claxton Ave. (10:45 p.m.); Fire units dispatched to scene of earlier house fire on Gibson St. (10:45 p.m.); Rescue unit dispatched to house fire on Gibson St. (10:54 p.m.).

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

America's Future Also Hinges on President's Cabinet

While much of the nation's attention in recent weeks has been focused on the impact of the Presidential election and the political make-up of the new Congress, there are other changes underway in Washington which offer equally dramatic impacts on the future of federal government policy.

Presidential administrations constantly undergo changes and personnel adjustments to reflect the President's political goals. Such fluctuations are not new, but the number of top cabinet vacancies at the end of President Clinton's first term is dramatic. As the Clinton Administration prepares for a second term, a full one-half of the President's cabinet is either resigning or being asked to leave.

With seven out of fourteen key cabinet secretaries departing, the country should be concerned. Such an exodus affects the most critical of government functions for the next four years: international relations, national defense, national transportation safety, and federal housing programs, to name a few.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher has already tendered his resignation, leaving the Clinton Administration with the formidable task of selecting a new chief statesman. Replacing Christopher with a well qualified and experienced candidate is paramount in a world where political and military instability continues to affect and threaten our national interests.

Unfortunately, that's not all as Defense Secretary William Perry is also leaving the chief Pentagon post.

The world, meanwhile, will not stop and wait for these key cabinet vacancies to be filled. Indeed, many

"hot spots" around the globe are poised to flare-up at the most unexpected time.

A brief run-down includes continued unrest in central Africa where the Administration along with other nations are contemplating military roles in the near future to protect millions of Rwandan refugees; the on-going U.S. presence in the former Yugoslavia which now enters its second year despite earlier White House assurances to the contrary; the fledgling peace process in the Middle East which alters in intensity by the week; the political uncertainty in Russia with its ailing president and his growing opposition; the continued threat of communist North Korea to American interests in South Korea and throughout the Far East; and of course, Saddam Hussein's ever present challenges to United Nations sanctions against his rogue Persian Gulf regime.

These big shoes aren't the only ones the President must fill in the days ahead. Also departing is Transportation Secretary Federico Peña whose department oversees the FAA and air safety; Housing and Urban Development chief Henry Cisneros steps down as does Embarked Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, and Secretary of Labor Robert Reich. The Commerce Department's top spot remains vacant and it has been discussed that Attorney General Janet Reno may be asked to leave.

In the face of these and possibly other cabinet departures, it is hoped that the President will base his decisions for hiring replacements on qualifications and experience. America needs its best and brightest and we trust our President will seek those out and lead our nation into the 21st Century.

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Candace B. Forbes

Forbes named president of the Massachusetts Assn. of Nursing Anesthetists

Candace B. Forbes (nee Candace Berry), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Berry of Elba, was recently elected to the office of President of the Massachusetts Association of Nurse Anesthetists. She has been very active in her professional association since moving to Beverly, Massachusetts in 1991 to begin her practice as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at the North Shore Medical Center. Candace served as Board of Director, Continuing Education Coordinator, and President-elect before assuming her present position. Massachusetts employs 467 CRNAs.

Candace is married to Lyles Forbes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Forbes of Birmingham, Alabama. He is currently Assistant Curator of Maritime History at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Massachusetts.

The Coffee County Humane Society is holding a Christmas Party for all the animals that make the Animal Shelter their home on Saturday, December 7, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All of the public is invited to attend. The employees hope that everyone will help by donating the shelter with money to help keep the animal shelter in operation. Checks should be made out to the Coffee County Humane Society. Refreshments will be served.



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Jim Gilmer joins Southeast Insurance & Real Estate in Elba

Jim Gilmer has joined Southeast Insurance and Real Estate, Inc., Elba, as a real estate salesperson, according to Ronnie K. Young, President of Southeast Insurance and Real Estate. Gilmer will focus on the sales of homes and property in the area.

Gilmer recently retired from the Sero Company, Cordele, GA, where he was Vice President of Operations. He has a degree in Industrial Management from Southern Tech, Marietta, GA and attended Oglethorpe Univ. in Atlanta.

He and his wife, the former Nell Wilson, a Coffee County native, recently moved from Albany, GA, to the Curtis Community in Coffee County. They have two sons and five granddaughters, living in Texas and South Carolina, and one son, James, lives at home and attends Coffee County Training Center in Enterprise. The Gilmers are members of the First Baptist Church in Opp.

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AREA DEATHS

IZETTA HOBDDY UPshaw NORRIS NEAL DIGGS SUSIE LEE COLLIER

Izetta "Little Sister" Hobdy Upshaw, age 86 of Enterprise, AL, died Tuesday, November 26, 1996 at Enterprise Medical Center, Enterprise, AL. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 29, 1996 from John's Chapel AME Church, Enterprise, AL, with Bishop Carl McComb officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Scioners Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter, son-in-law, Mae Eloise and Joshua Diggs, Enterprise, AL; one son, grandchildren Herbert Diggs of Joshua Diggs, Enterprise, AL; his Antioch, Tennessee, Michael Diggs of Enterprise, AL; Sylvia Darlene Diggs of Enterprise, AL; two brothers, Herbert L. Diggs, Antioch, Tennessee and Michael Diggs, Enterprise, AL; two sisters, Sylvia Darlene Diggs and Stephanie N. Russell, Enterprise, AL; 12 aunts; four uncles; one grandchild, Kejorie Brice Moore; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Norris Neal Diggs, age 44 of Enterprise, Alabama, died November 23, 1996 in Tuskegee VA Hospital, Tuskegee, AL.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 29, 1996 from John's Chapel AME Church, Enterprise, AL, with Bishop Carl McComb officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Scioners Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters, Patsy Ann Singer of Arab, AL; Janice Eula Russell of Joppa, AL; and Linda McDonald of Millbrook, AL; two sons, Elmer Eddie Collier of Ocean Springs, Mississippi and Donnie Lavan Collier of Deatsville, AL; one sister, Minnie Ruth Crook of Elba, AL; two brothers, Rayford Spann and Hubert Spann, both of Opp, AL; 14 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren.

Susie Lee Collier, age 75 of Arab, Alabama, died Tuesday, November 26, 1996 in a Huntsville, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, November 29, 1996 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Hubert J. Spann officiating.

Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

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Social & Community Happenings

Dr. Robert Paul speaks to 20th Century Study Club

The Twentieth Century Study Club met November 14 at the Elba Public Library with Ann Davis and Elaine Thompson as co-hostesses. A delicious dessert plate was served to seven members and the guest speaker.

Betty Brunson introduced Dr. Robert Paul, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dr. Paul gave an interesting program titled: The Christmas Story, Joseph's account of the First Christmas.

Grace Taylor called the meeting to order and led the members in the Club's Collect. The roll was called and minutes read and approved. Old and new business was discussed.

Those present were: Betty Brunson, Doris Cooper, Judy Eastburn, Nell Harrison, Jane Hinton, Joan Jacobs, Anne Miles, Debra Samuel, Martha F. Stephens, Peggy Stroud, Grace Taylor, Ethelene Tucker, Betty Vaughn, Patsy Williams, and Mary Young.

Semonelle-Courson wedding to be held Saturday, December 7th

Together with their parents, Ann Nicole Semonelle and Jonathan Herbert Courson request the honour of your presence at their marriage on Saturday, December 7, 1996 at 6:00 in the evening at Elba United Methodist Church, West Davis Street, Elba, Alabama.

New Arrivals

LAURA KATHERINE LEE

Moses Jourdain Lee of Lubbock, TX announces the birth of his baby sister, Laura Katherine (Katie), on November 23, 1996. She weighed 7lbs. 4oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. They are the children of Vaughan and Angie Lee. Grandmothers are Mrs. Bessie Cobb of Mobile, AL and Mable Lee of Elba, AL. Great grandmother is Mrs. Bernice Grissold, Elba Nursing Home.

IMPORTANT CHANNEL INFORMATION ELBA

Effective December 31, 1996, TCI of Alabama will change the programming line-up in order to make more appealing to a broader base of customers and non-customers.

The programming changes consist of: the launch of Animal Planet, The Learning Channel, and Encore Plex on our Basic service level. To make room for these unique, family-oriented networks, we are dropping WGN, QVC and Intro TV.

Also, beginning January 1, 1997, our premium rates will increase by \$2.04 for all customers who receive Starz! Or Starz/Encore packages with up to 1 premium pay service and \$3.04 for those Starz/Encore packages with more than 1 premium pay services. This increase is due to the fact that beginning in January, Starz! will have more first-run movies than any other pay service.

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1996-97 ESJC STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION... Mr. Gary Deas, Director of Student Activities at Enterprise State Junior College recently announced the results of all elections for officers in the 1996-97 Student Government Association. Pictured above are: (front row, l to r) President Greg Thomas of Ozark, Vice President Clarence Anderson III of Ozark, Secretary Lindsay Whaley of Geneva, and Treasurer Mike Rainer of Enterprise; (second row, l to r) Sophomore Senators Amanda Grett of Enterprise and Amy DeVaughn of New Brockton, Freshman Senators Tobi Davis of Samson, Amy Coon of Opp, Heather Hulsey of Enterprise, and Joy Lucas of Ozark; and Sophomore Senators Shea Ward of Elba and Sarju Patel of Ozark; (third row, l to r) Sophomore Senator Jason Lucas of Enterprise, Freshman Senator John Seifert II of Ozark, Sophomore Senator Beth Grantham of Ozark, Freshman Senators Wess Howell and Jerry Mosley of Enterprise, and Sophomore Senator Mandy Chalker of Enterprise.

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Keeley Daugherty

Keeley Daugherty celebrates 1st birthday

Keeley Daugherty celebrated her 1st birthday on September 29, 1996. She is the daughter of Chuck and Michelle Daugherty and has one sister, Bailey, age 3. Keeley had a wonderful party with many friends and family attending. She received lots of presents and enjoyed her 1st birthday party.



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Selected Scripture: Luke 11:17.

Thinking of you, praying for you, Pray for me. The Duggs family, the Suckell family, the Upshaw family, James Brooks, Joseph Long, Rev. J.L. Caldwell, Grover Belcher Sr., Marlar Rideaux, Jimmie C. Brooks, Jannie Yelverton, Rev. Charles Lee, Rev. Virgil Coleman, Charles S. Hooks, Pearl Tillis, M.C. Lawrence, Diana Brooks, Gina Robinson, the Jones family.

Appreciation Program
The Seventh Pastor's Appreciation Program for Rev. and Mrs. J.C. Fryer of Day Hill Baptist Church, Coffee County Road 308, Jack, AL, will be held at 7:00 p.m., December 4, 1996 at December 8, 1996.

Wednesday night, December 4, 1996, 7:00 p.m. Guest churches: Rocky Head, Shiloh (Tarentum), White Oak, Mt. Hillard, and Goshen. Rev. J.C. Fryer will be the guest speaker. The service will be by Rev. A.R. Williams.

Thursday night, December 5, 1996, 7:00 p.m. Guest churches: Greater Hill Salem, Union Grove, Friendship (Glenwood), and Holly Springs. Welcome will be by Dea. W.J. Adair and the sermon will be by Rev. J.E. Wright.

Friday night, December 6, 1996, 7:00 p.m. Guest churches: St. John, Shady Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Lily White (Holmes), and Bethel AME. Welcome will be by Rev. Brenda Owens and the sermon will be by Rev. H.R. Johnson.

On Sunday December 8, 1996, Sunday school will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by morning worship at 11:30 a.m.

The Anniversary Celebration will begin at 1:30 p.m. The guest churches will be: Pea Creek, Blue Springs, Mt. Calvary, Elam, Greater Sardis, and all other churches in the vicinity. Rev. J.C. Fryer will bring the sermon.

Gospel Musical

The 3. Mark AME Church Choir of Daleville, Alabama will present their Gospel Musical Extravaganza, December 7, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. J.C. Fryer is pastor. If you are interested in participating or in need of more information, please contact Sis. Marie Cummings at 334-308-2267.

1996 Hooks Family Reunion
The 1996 Hooks Family Reunion was held November 28-December 1 in Elba, AL. Mary Alice Williams-Hooks is the wife of the late James William Hooks, and matriarch of the Hooks family.

You can imagine (or can you?) how thrilled Mary Alice Williams-Hooks was when she sent out the recurring words: "Come home it's family reunion time." And they came from far and near; children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and other relatives. They came to show that family ties are still strong and that family is still the center of their lives.

Week-end agenda, November 28-December 1: Thursday, November

28, Thanksgiving Dinner; Friday, November 29, Grandchildren Activity Day; Saturday, November 30, Family Conference; Sunday, December 1, 2:00 p.m.; Program and lunch at Rocky Head MB Church.

Program: On Sunday, December 1, 1996, at 2:00 p.m., the Hooks Family Reunion met at Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, AL, for the reunion program with out of town relatives and friends attending.

Service call to order and a congregational song was rendered followed by the invocation by Deacon J.L. Williams. A brief family history and introduction of the master of ceremony, Elder Eugene Johnson, was by family matriarch Mrs. Mary Alice Williams-Hooks. Welcome and occasion by Mrs. Ruby Hooks-Johnson, Echoes from the Hooks children: Jerry, Robert, Joel, William, James Jr., Charles, Estella Hooks-Ramsay, William Edward, and Susie Hooks-Belcher.

Representation: For Mrs. Mary Hooks Stringer by Mrs. Mattie Stringer-Belcher; For Mr. Hillary Hooks by Mr. Maxwell Hooker; For Mrs. Annie Hooks-Williams a selection by the Williams children.

Other remarks by relatives and closing remarks by the family matriarch, Mrs. Mary Alice Williams-Hooks. A closing selection and farewell benediction.

As time for departure drew near, the family, with many friends, fervently lifted their voices in praise and prayer to God for His amazing grace. Because they could say: Look where He brought us from, And His grace and mercy are with us. God is good, all the time, all the time, God is good.

Jean Batie, Nyquisha Bess of Daleville, AL and Breyanka Hunter of Montgomery, AL visited Cleaven and Vera Williams, and Grover and Eria Belcher, all of Elba, during Thanksgiving Holidays. Miss Hunter is a student at Alabama State University, Montgomery.

Roy Brooks, Mildred, Virgil, and Evangelist LaTousha Daniels, all of Miami Beach, FL, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie C. Brooks and family of Elba, AL during Thanksgiving holidays. They also visited Grover and Eria Belcher of Elba.

Kimberly Kelley, Jana and Melissa of Elba were guests of their uncle, Warren Belcher, Montgomery, AL, during the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Thanksgiving Dinner
Family members and friends gathered in the home of Ernestine Kelley, Elba, for Thanksgiving dinner, Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1996.

During dinner, Tyrone Kelley was pleasantly surprised with a birthday cake. (Birthdate Nov. 27.) Those enjoying the meal were: Tyrone Kelley, Gina Robinson, Tony Kelley, Tonya Smith, Alan Belcher, Maria Kelley, Tracy Brandon, Lydia, Brandy, Myron Duncan, Marcus Kelley, Sharon, Tia

and Miliki, Jana, K.L., Melissa, Curtis, Wesley, Michael Manning and Evelyn, Jason and Mason Guiley, D.J. Belcher, Ernestine Kelley, Warren Belcher of Montgomery, AL, Grover and Eria Belcher.

Everyone enjoyed a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner and gave God all the honor and praise for a beautiful day.

Today is a good day. Be grateful. Eria

Elba Masonic Lodge to host annual Christmas Party

The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 will host its annual family covered dish Christmas party on December 7, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. The party will be in the Masonic building on Airport Road. Meats will be provided.

Coffee County Retired Teachers & Support Personnel to meet

The Coffee County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet Tuesday, December 10, 1996 at 11:00 p.m. at the Coffee County Board of Education office on Reddock Hill in Elba, AL. The program will be Christmas Celebration by the Enterprise High School Encores.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. A.R. Williams
Rocky Head MB Church

Christ Keeps His Promise

"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom, and Jesus said unto him, verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

In the first sermon, Jesus was the only actor in the drama, we heard Him as He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

We see here the clearest picture of salvation by grace. Before the world began it was his purpose for the thief to meet Christ on the cross, in order that the thief might be saved. There are no accidents in a world governed by God. Pilate gave the order, "Crucify Jesus between two thieves." He did not know it, but he was putting God's plans into execution.

Throughout His ministry, Jesus had been the friend of sinners. His enemies ridiculed Him for it, but He told them that He came to save sinners; those which are lost, and not the righteous. No doubt the crowd thought, since He liked sinners so much, we will give Him the privilege of dying with them. God's first step toward the salvation of one sinful man was taken.

This thief had no moral life before conversion. He had no life of service after conversion. Some people think we are saved by a moral life, some by the service we render, but this man had neither of these. He was, and we are, saved by faith through grace, nothing more, nothing less.

This thief was saved by faith, for he realized through the prayer that Jesus prayed that he had a kingdom somewhere, so he wanted Jesus to remember him when He got to His kingdom, so he said, "When you come into your kingdom, just remember you left a poor thief dying on the cross on his way to hell."

Jesus knew this would not be a good report to carry back to heaven, since this was the reason He left the first place. "To seek and to save that which was lost." Here is a good chance for the thief to be saved and what a providential movement for Jesus to take this thief back to heaven with him trophy or evidence of His mission on earth.

The saving of the thief gave a better report for Calvary. Calvary, the most sacred place in all the world, Calvary, where men can come and bathe their troubled souls and find the peace which passeth all understanding.

What a good place for the thief to die, on Calvary. Calvary, where all the Rivers of Prophecy converge in a Sea of Fulfillment. Calvary, where the blood for our cleansing was drawn from Immanuel's veins. Calvary, where all the ransomed Church of God is saved to sin no more. Calvary, where a dying Saviour invites all men to come and find the life that never ends.

Christ keeps his promise! Will you? "Promise to serve him until the day you die." God bless!

Marvin Vickers to be special advent speaker at Little Oak & Henderson

Chaplain (Colonel) Marvin Vickers will be the special advent message at 10:00 at Little Oak and Henderson. The churches invite everyone to attend these special services.

Church Directory

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Sun. Service 11:30 a.m. - Sun.
Rev. James Rogers
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ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy Porter

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FOURTH GRADE PROJECT... Paper sacks, finger paint, markers, sequins, feathers, construction paper, yarn, and well as other construction materials were used by members of the fourth grade class to make Indian vests, headbands, and toms-toms. This was an end of unit activity for the students in the class of Mrs. Chris Suley. Mrs. Suley said the students were excited about the project and were ready to wear their vests and headbands.

Mock Interviews Conducted

Because of the need to prepare students for real life employment situations, the members of the Co-Op class recently conducted a series of mock interviews.

A great deal of preparation went into the project. Students learned standard business format and used it to write letters of application, cover letters, and resumes. The students also learned appropriate business attire and studied possible interview questions.

After the interviews, the members of the class wrote thank you letters to potential employers. Finally, all students wrote letters of acceptance for the position for which they had applied. Grades were based on appearance, attitude, appropriateness of paper work, and the actual interview.

Mrs. Stacy Coale, Co-Op instructor, and Mrs. Debra Henson conducted the interviews by appointments. Mrs. Coale said, "The interview situations were

treated as real as possible so that the students could gain valuable experience. Overall, the interviews went very well and the students were very professional."

Beta Yard Sale

Funds raised from a yard sale will be used for buying presents for the family that the Beta Club will adopt for Christmas. The yard sale was held at the American Legion in Elba.

Even though everything was not sold, members of the Beta Club report that the sale was successful. Items not sold were donated to the Christian Mission. The yard sale and the donation of leftover items to the Christian Mission were service projects of the club's special community service projects.



FHA Chapter Wins \$100.00

During October the members of the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) raised \$197 with a cake walk and won \$300 with a prize-winning exhibit. The cake walk was held during the Fall Festival and the Chapter members were trying to raise \$150 that they had pledged to help a local family with medical expenses. The cakes were donated by various members of the Chapter and community members. The Chapter members made some of the cakes themselves during class. So, in addition to fund raising, it was a learning experience also.

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Rebel Band Rated Superior

Superior and excellent ratings were earned by the Zion Chapel Marching Rebel Band at the T. R. Miller Marching Band Contest in Brewton, Alabama on a recent Saturday.

Superior ratings were earned by the drum major and drum line. Excellent ratings were earned by the band and color guard.

One highlight of the day was the use of the new drums by the drum line. The new drums were expected many weeks earlier but due to money and special delivery they did not arrive until Tuesday. Another highlight was the debut of the drum lines new drum solo entitled "Pass The Salsa."

The band was short a few members on Saturday. The color guard, which usually has a rank of nine, was reduced to only three members due to unforeseen circumstances. The band was missing only one member, due to illness, and the drum line had to march without its captain due to a car accident on Friday morning which left her unable to march.

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Pictured above (l to r) are Jonathan Head, Cobra Gray, Keni Mitchell, and Phil Schindler.

Johnathan Head - is the son of Thomas and Christine Head. His hobbies are listening to music and learning to play the guitar. He is a member of J. Beta. He also attends the First United Methodist Church. The things he likes best about EHS are freedom from conduct grades and pep rallies.

Cobra Gray - is the daughter of Rev. Cobie and Rozella Gray. Her hobbies are playing volleyball, talking on the phone, and being with her friends. She is a member of SADD and FBLA. She is a member of the Voice of the Last Call Deliverance Ministry. The thing she likes best about EHS is being with her boyfriend, Keni Mitchell.

Keni Mitchell - is the son of John and Pamela Mitchell. His hobbies are playing football, baseball, and cutting up in class. He is a member of SADD and FBLA. He is also a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. The thing he likes best about EHS is spending time with his girlfriend, Cobra Gray.

Phil Schindler - is the son of Myra Parker and James Schindler. His hobbies are reading, rethinking, and any type of farm work. He is a member of St. Beta, SGA, FBLA, Mu Alpha Theta, SADD, FFA, and FHA. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Elba. The best things he likes about EHS is being the "water dude" for the basketball team.

What's Right With EHS

What's right with our schools, I'm sure a lot of you are thinking. "HEY! I can name a lot of things that are wrong with our schools!" But I'm sure the right out number the wrong. Everyone should be proud to be a part of the Elba High School System. Listed below are 12 facts that are right with our schools.

(A) Facilities ranked in top 5% of state.

(B) Technology available for instruction ranked in top 20% of state.

(C) Extra curricular facilities ranked in top 10% of state.

(D) 72% of our professional staff have master's degree or above.

(E) Ranked 4th in state in teacher expenditure.

(F) Spend \$150 over state average in per pupil expenditure.

(G) Our local budget totals \$5.7 million.

(H) Elba City Schools is one of very few debt free school systems in Alabama.

(I) Elba City Schools has just received \$78,500 in technology grant from Goals 2000.

(J) The Internet is being installed in both high school elementary school.

(K) Currently involved with construction of baseball/softball complex and transportation facility total cost \$325,000.

(L) Legacy grant - outdoor science classroom and nature trail.

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Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored a beauty pageant for area youngsters last weekend, and while our little seven-year-old has never liked to get on stage and compete in pageants, she made it clear several weeks ago that she wanted to be in this particular pageant. She said the entry fee of \$10 could be one of her Christmas presents, and simply refused to take no for an answer. After some questioning, Melanie said she didn't care if she won the pageant, but stated that everyone that entered got to ride in the Christmas Parade and throw candy to the crowd. She didn't win; however, she was as happy as anyone in town Saturday afternoon riding on a float, smiling and throwing candy to everyone she saw.

ELBA TIGERS HAVE WINNING WEEK, UP SLATE TO 4-1

The Elba Tigers had a busy week on the basketball court last week, but made the most of the opportunity as they won three of four games to improve their record for the season to 4-1. The Tigers smashed a very good Ashford team 63-42 Tuesday night for their second win of the young season, then competed in the Coffee County Thanksgiving Tournament and defeated Kinston 60-46 and New Brockton 59-56, before suffering their first loss of the season at the hands of Geneva County 60-51, in the tourney finals. Five games don't make a season; however, the Tigers are off to a fast start, and winning breeds confidence that should only grow as the season rolls along.

I watched the Tigers twice in the tournament and was impressed with their quickness and aggressive style of play. All of Elba's players gave it everything they had for the full thirty-two minutes and never backed down from any challenge from their opponents. In the finals of the tourney the Tigers fell behind 9-0 early and could have been blown out, but simply kept working, and by the end of the half were on top 30-25. Elba may not have the deadly outside shooters to blow a game open with three-pointers, but they do have the desire to win, and the skills to make them a threat any time they take the court. If Elba will not become satisfied with its early-season success, the Tigers could very well be a team to keep an eye on as the season progresses toward tournament time.

KINSTON & BROCKTON STUMBLE IN TOURNAMENT

The Kinston Bulldogs and New Brockton Gamecocks both participated in last week's Coffee County Thanksgiving Tournament, and while both got valuable experience and found out a great deal about their teams, both county teams struggled as Kinston posted a 1-2 slate and New Brockton left the event with an 0-3 mark.

Kinston's Coach Gary Glass said before the tournament that the Bulldogs had the weakest team in the six-team event and would be lucky to win a game. The Bulldogs did win one game, but it had nothing to do with luck, as Kinston bounced back after two losses to defeat Opp in a game that showed everyone that this Kinston team would not back down from anyone on its schedule. The Bulldogs don't have the outside shooting to keep opposing defenses from collapsing on Bulldog center Allen Bowdoin, and if Bowdoin can't become part of the offense, the Bulldogs could struggle. One thing that does give Bulldog fans hope, however, was the play of the team throughout the tourney on defense. Kinston played its hearts out for all four quarters, and made it clear that it would never throw in the towel. The Bulldogs stand at 1-3 after two weeks of action and may not have the tools to be top winners, but they will get after it every night out and that's all anyone can expect.

New Brockton left the tournament with an 0-3 mark; however, the Gamecocks played as hard as any team in the event and lost the three games by a total of only 13 points. The Gamecocks don't have the height to battle with big boys inside, but they do have the pride and determination to bang the boards on every missed shot and fight for every loose ball. New Brockton has a team with very little experience, no height and questionable outside shooting. Those weaknesses would spell doom for many teams, and did help lead to those losses last week, but Coach Keith Thrasher has instilled winning into the minds of his players ever since coming to New Brockton and you can bet the Gamecocks will win more than their share of games as the season rolls along. No wins will come easy, but they will come.

UPSETS ABOUND IN PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

The high school football playoffs continued last week, and for the second straight week the upset bug made its presence known. The playoffs are always called the "second season," and coaches tell their players that what happened in the regular season means nothing, but until the bug bites, players and fans don't really believe it could happen to them. Last week the bug made it to all six classes, and here is what happened...

***CLASS 6A - Defending state champion Centerville, Tuscaloosa, got knocked out of its throne as Mt. Brook, coached by former Alabama star Joey Jones, stunned the nation's sixth ranked team 23-20. Centerville felt it was invincible after rolling through the season undefeated, but got bit by the Friday night and now gets to sit in the stands and watch. Another mild upset took place down in Montgomery where Jeff Davis pounded undefeated Vestavia Hills 28-7. The Vols survived a second round trip to Enterprise, and now appear on the verge of making their second straight trip to the finals.

***CLASS 5A - The upset bug made a visit to Smiths Station last week and knocked undefeated Smiths Station out of the playoff party as Demopolis stunned the Panthers 13-7. Smiths Station had been impressive all season long, but can now only sit back and wonder what might have been. Scottsboro also saw its season end as Bradshaw pulled off a 38-37 upset, while Jackson-Olin saw its dream season end in a 52-28 loss to Saks.

***CLASS 4A - The upset bug made its way to the Alexandria sidelines and knocked the defending 4A champs off the field as Fayette County stomped the Valley Cats 45-22. The high-scoring Alexandria offense did its job, but the defense held and couldn't get up. The bug almost bit W.S. Neal, however, the Eagles swatted the pesky pest and held on late to edge past Daleville 14-9.

***CLASS 3A - The "ole bug" made its way to Glencoe and its bite was again fatal as East Limestone pulled off the 20-14 upset. Briarwood almost got bit, but survived to sneak past Rehobeth 21-14, while UMS-Wright stayed alive with a big 20-6 win over Alleville.

***CLASS 2A - Pickens County turned the bugs loose last week against Hazelwood, but forgot to get them all back in the jar, as a couple snuck up behind the helped eliminate the favorites 19-0 at the hands of Sand Rock. The bug was afraid to get anywhere near the field in Cottonwood, where Clay County rallied from a 10-0 deficit to storm past the previously unbeaten Bears 27-10.

***CLASS 1A - The only victim in the 1A ranks were the Autaugaaville Eagles, which were grounded by Marengo County 13-7. Maplesville swatted the bug out of the sky and trounced Billingsley 38-6, to continue its trek toward the title.

POLISH POLONOSTICATOR PLODS THROUGH PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office over the weekend and declared he would be glad when the high school playoffs reached the end. He put up a 9-3 mark last week to push his playoff record to 58-14 and go 441-96 on the season, but fussed about how he hated picking the playoffs and then left this week's picks....

Jeff Davis 17 Vigor 15
Mt. Brook 14 Hewitt-Trussville 13
Blount 19 Demopolis 6
Bradshaw 29 Saks 24
T.R. Miller 21 W.S. Neal 18
Fayette County 28 Cleburne County 21
UMS-Wright 17 Briarwood 7
Colbert County 28 East Limestone 13
Clay County 21 Limestone 7
Maplesville 16 Sand Rock 14
Maplesville 40 Marengo 16
Addison 15 Lynn 12

IF YOU FOLLOW THE
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THE ELBA CLIPPER

Sports

Claim second straight win

Tigers swat Yellowjackets

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to thump the Ashford Yellowjackets 63-42, last Tuesday night in Ashford.

The win upped Elba's record to 2-0, while Ashford fell to 0-1 with the loss.

Both teams opened the game in a full-court press, but the Tigers easily solved the Yellowjacket defense and stunned Ashford by jumping out to a 10-2 lead with 5:13 left in the opening stanza.

Elba, sparked by the play of Derrick Daniels, carried a 22-14 lead into the second quarter, only to see Ashford stage a rally and cut the lead to 22-20 with 3:58 remaining in the half. The pace never quickened for the rest of the quarter, and at intermission the Tigers went in with a 26-22 advantage.

Elba outscored the Yellowjackets 8-4 to open the third quarter as its lead went to 34-26 with 5:02 left in the stanza, and by the end of the stanza the Tigers were in command with a 42-31 lead.

The Tigers opened the final stanza with an 11-6 run to take a commanding 42-31 lead, and rolled to the impressive 63-42 victory.

Derrick Daniels scored 16 points and Courtney Robinson added 12 to lead Elba, while Smith led Ashford with 19.

E 22 4 16 21 - 63

A 14 8 9 11 - 42

Elba (63): Thigpen 2, Daniels

Elba Junior High Tigers sweep Samson Junior

The Elba Junior High School basketball team hosted Samson last Monday night and proved to be rude hosts as all three teams claimed lopsided wins.

The 7th grade Tigers defeated Samson 48-24, while the 9th grade Tigers posted a 59-34 win and the 9th grade Lady Tigers won 46-20.

Following are highlights of all three wins:

ELBA 7TH 48

SAMSON 24

The Elba 7th grade Tigers remained undefeated with an easy 48-24 win over Samson.

The Tigers jumped out to an early 16-5 lead and owned a 27-12 halftime advantage, before coasting to the win.

Terrence Kyles scored 16 points and Julius Smith added 14 to lead Elba, while T. Bess scored 14 for Samson.

Elba (48): Daniels 5, Kyles 16, Moudry 8, Brooks 2, Smith 14, Reed 2, Burks 1.

SAMSON (24): T. Bess 14, Smith 8, Glisson 2, Tm. Bess 10.

ELBA LADY TIGERS 46
SAMSON JUNIOR 20

The Elba 9th grade Lady Tigers

The Alabama High School Athletic Associations' "State Football Playoffs" continued last week with third round action in all six classifications.

Following are third round results:

CLASS 6A
Hewitt-Trussville 28 Johnson 6
Jeff Davis 28 Vestavia Hills 7
Mt. Brook 23 Central, Tusc. 20
Vigor 28 R.E. Lee 13

CLASS 5A
Blount 19 Wetumpka 10
Bradshaw 38 Scottsboro 37
Demopolis 13 Sm. Station 7
Saks 32 Jackson-Olin 28

CLASS 4A
Cleburne Co. 26 Curry 20
Fayette Co. 45 Alexandria 22
T.R. Miller 28 Greensboro 12
W.S. Neal 14 Daleville 9

CLASS 3A
Briarwood 21 Rehobeth 14
Colbert Co. 49 Plainview 21
E. Limestone 20 Glencoe 14
UMS-Wright 20 Alleville 6

CLASS 2A
Clay Co. 27 Cottonwood 10
Lineville 14 Hale Co. 13

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Elba's Larry Rayborn (40) goes high for a rebound in the Tigers' 63-42 win over Ashford. The Tigers claimed three wins last week to improve their record to 4-1 on the season.

Bowdoin is still 'Bama fan

When the Alabama Crimson Tide took the field on Saturday, October 26, for its annual battle against the Tennessee Volunteers, at least one Tennessee resident made it clear that he was a Crimson Tide fan as Elba native Jim Bowdoin pulled out his Alabama hat and varsity letter for a picture that appeared in the King'sport Times-News, a daily newspaper in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Bowdoin, of Bristol, Tennessee, lettered for three years at Alabama (1954-56), and while he moved to the area 38 years ago, his allegiance has always remained with the Crimson Tide, and has led him to yell "Roll Tide" at every Alabama Tennessee game except one since the early fifties.

Bowdoin, an All-State halfback-fallback-linebacker-safety at Elba High School, coached at Elba for one season after graduation from Alabama, then headed to Tennessee, where he remained in coaching and became a high school official, a part-time job he has enjoyed for the past 38 years.

Bowdoin stated a typical week will find him officiating on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights, attending an officials' meeting on Wednesday night, and then going to cheer on the Tide on Saturday.

Alabama struggled to a 6-22-3 record during Bowdoin's career with the Crimson Tide, which ended before the arrival of Coach Bear Bryant.

"When I first came to Alabama we had a fellow named Red Drew as head coach," said Bowdoin, "and in my sophomore year Bart Starr was our quarterback. They fired Drew and brought in J.D. Whitworth, a great line coach from Georgia. I don't believe we won a game that first year (0-10) and the Crimson Tide, and has led him to yell 'Roll Tide' at every Alabama Tennessee game except one since the early fifties."

Bowdoin did some recruiting for Alabama "back when it was legal," and helped send some Tennessee athletes to the Tide.

Following are highlights of the Bulldogs' three games in the tournament:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5
Enterprise Junior at Elba Junior (5:00) 8B, 9G, 9B

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
New Brockton at Kinston
J.U. Blacksher at Brantley

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
Kinston at Pleasant Home
Brantley at Southern Normal

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9
New Brockton Junior at Elba Junior (5:00) 9G, 9B

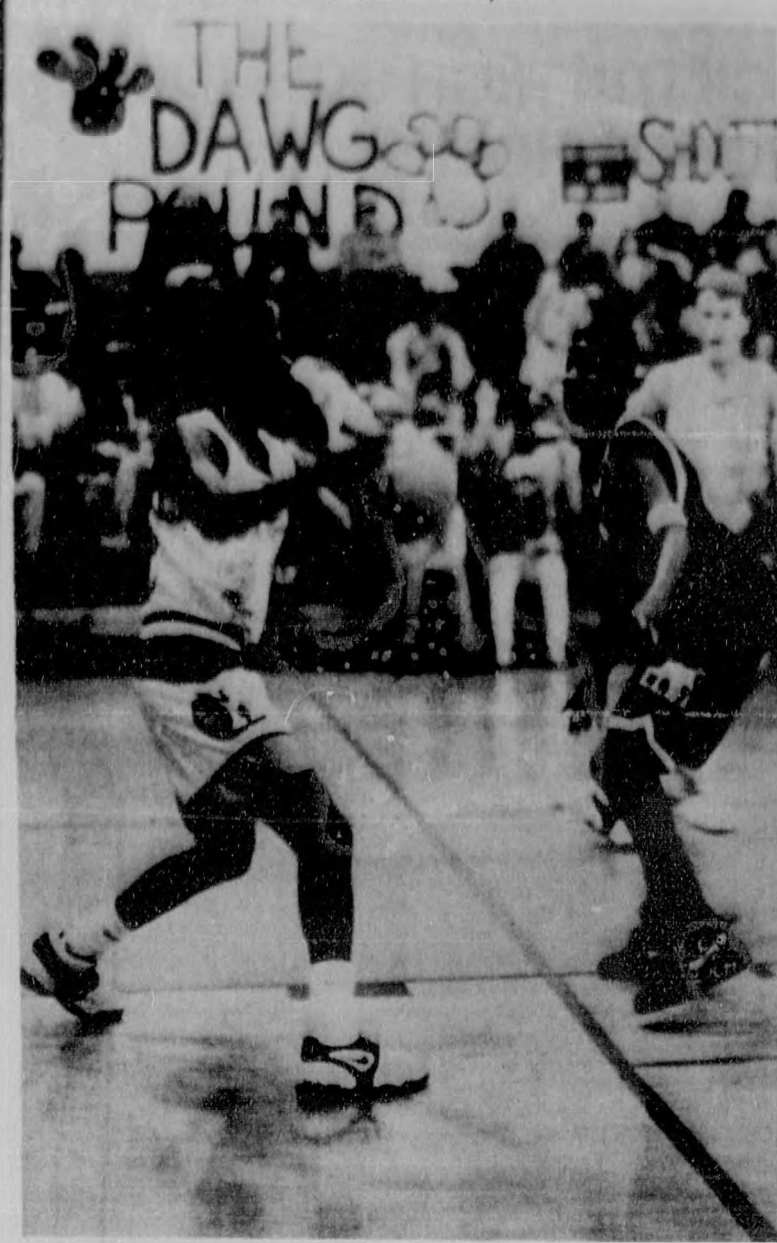
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
Houston Academy at Kinston
Straughtin at Brantley
Andalusia Middle at Elba Junior (4:00) 7-8G, 7B

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
Elba Junior at Brantley Junior (6:00) 7B, 8B

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Kinston's Tim Edwards (in white) looks to pass down court as Elba's Courtney Robinson (in black) defends. The Tigers defeated the Bulldogs 60-46 in tourney action.

Kinston closes tourney with win over Opp

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the Coffee County Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament last week and claimed one win in three outings to move their early season record to 1-3.

The Bulldogs lost their opening two games in the tournament to Elba 60-46 and Geneva County 81-57, but bounced back in the tourney finale to upset Opp 45-41.

G.C. (81): Kennedy 9, Williams 13, Rogers 5, Whitaker 3, Ryals 14, Green 13, Brooks 4, L. Lane 9, C. Lane 3, Robinson 4.

Kinston picked up the pace in the extra period, and poured in 10 points in the four-minute stanza, to claim its first win of the season.

Tim Edwards scored 15 points to lead Kinston, while Shane Black and Vincinni Smith scored 10 each for Opp.

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Opp (41): Bell 9, Black 10, Reed 4, Morris 1, Head 6, Stoudemire 1, Smith 10.

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GENEVA CO. 81
KINSTON 57

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N.B. 42

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N.B. (42): Allums 5, Haynes 11,

Place second in six-team event

Elba falls in tourney finals

The Elba Tigers competed in the Coffee County Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament last week at Kinston High School and claimed two wins to bring home second place honors.

The Tigers claimed wins over Kinston 60-46 and New Brockton 59-56 to advance to the finals of the six-team event, but then were defeated 60-51 in the championship game by Geneva County.

"We got in the tournament because we wanted to go in as many games as possible early in the season," said Elba's Coach Harrison Mims, "and even though we were disappointed we didn't win the tournament, we were happy that we got in three games and got in a lot of work."

"We played well at times in the three games," added Coach Mims, "and played hard in all the games. We made a lot of mistakes and saw some areas where we need to put in some extra practice. We don't have as much talent as many of the teams we will play, but the players showed last week that they are willing to give it all they have every time they take the court, and when the desire is there, you can work hard and improve."

"The win last week left us with a 4-1 record," stated Coach Mims, "and that is the same record we had last season before going into a long losing streak. Last season we fell apart when things went wrong, but I'm convinced that this year we have the players to bounce back after a loss, and will play hard every time they throw it up."

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ELBA 60

KINSTON 46

The Elba Tigers hit on six of six free-throw chances in the final 29 of the fourth quarter Wednesday night to turn back a Kinston rally and down the Bulldogs 60-46, in opening round action.

Kinston jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on a long three-pointer by Ara Moore, and the Bulldogs remained on top until the 1:48 mark of the opening stanza, when Elba's Tim Ware dropped in a short jumper to pull the Tigers even at 8-8.

The two cross-county rivals remained knotted until midway through the second quarter, when Elba needed ahead 16-14 on a lay-up by Larry Rayborn.

The Tigers stretched their advantage to 21-16 with 3:30 left in the half on a bucket by Michael Reed; however, Kinston refused to let the Tigers run away and pulled within 23-21 with :32 left on the clock on a free-throw by Tim Edwards.

Elba came out determined to take command early in the third quarter, and behind the play of Michael Reed and Tim Ware, opened the stanza with an 8-0 run to grab a 33-21 lead with 5:04 left in the quarter.

The Tigers extended their lead to 36-23 with 2:03 left in the quarter on a free-throw by Derrick Daniels, and then took their biggest lead of the stanza at 40-25 on a three-pointer by D'Undray Peterson with :20 left on the clock.

Elba continued to dominate early in the final stanza and moved on to 45-27 with 6:39 left in the game on a basket by Courtney Robinson, only to see Kinston rally behind the play of Ronnie Sanson and Josh Carnley and chop the Tigers' lead to 50-41 with 1:34 remaining on the clock.

Elba, which hit only 18 of 36 free throws during the game, came through in the closing minute with six of six free-throw shooting, and held on to claim the 60-46 win.

Michael Reed scored 13 points and Tim Ware added 11 to lead Elba, while Josh Carnley led Kinston with 11 points.

E 10 15 15 19 - 60
K 12 9 4 21 - 46

Elba (60): Thigpen 2, Daniels 5, Jordan 2, Robinson 7, Siler 2, Ware 11, Reed 13, Rayborn 5, Peterson 5, Tillis 4, Cole 1.

Kton (46): Moore 8, Edwards 9, Carnley 11, Osborn 4, Sanson 8, Bowdoin 6.

ELBA 59
N.B. 56

The Elba Tigers pulled out to an early lead and held on late to post an exciting 59-56 win over arch-rival New Brockton, in Friday night action.

The Tigers came out ready to play against the cross-county Gamecocks and moved out to a 12-8 first quarter lead. A big second quarter enabled Elba to extend its lead to 34-24 by the end of the half, and the Tigers continued to dominate action in the third quarter as the Tigers moved ahead 44-34 heading into the final stanza. New Brockton staged a late rally and had a chance to send the game into overtime, but missed a last-second shot as Elba escaped with the win.

Derrick Daniels scored 17 points and Michael Reed added 12 to lead Elba, while New Brockton's Andre Medley led all scorers with 31 points.

E 12 21 11 15 - 59
NB 8 16 10 19 - 56

Elba (59): Thigpen 6, Daniels 17, Jordan 3, Robinson 9, Siler 4, Ware 4, Reed 12, Rayborn 4.

N.B. (56): Allums 5, Lunsford 4, Haynes 4, Fleming 8, Medley 31,



COME ON DOWN...Players from Elba and Kinston want to grab a rebound as the basketball comes off the rim during action last week in the Coffee County Thanksgiving Tourney.

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GENEVA CO. 60

ELBA 51

The Elba Tigers saw their plans of bringing home the championship trophy hit a detour Saturday night as the Geneva County Bulldogs pulled away late to down the Tigers 60-46 in the fourth quarter of a three-game tourney.

Geneva County came out determined to deliver a quick knockout punch to the Tigers, and used an aggressive full-court press to jump out to an early 9-0 lead. A basket by Michael Reed put the Tigers on the scoreboard and cut the lead to 9-2 with 5:38 left in the stanza, and led by the play of D'Undray Peterson and Reed, Elba rallied late in the stanza to pull within 15-12 by the end of the quarter.

Geneva County regained command early in the second quarter and stretched its lead to 25-14 with 5:22 remaining in the half, however, the Tigers stepped up the pressure on defense and converted turnovers into quick baskets as they went on a 16-0 run to go in at the half with a 40-25 lead.

Geneva County regained the upper hand early in the third quarter as the Bulldogs outscored the Tigers 12-2 over a two-minute span to move on top 37-32 with 5:45 left in the quarter.

A late win play by Elba's Michael Reed capped a Tiger rally that put the Tigers back ahead 39-38 with 2:48 remaining in the third quarter, only to see the Bulldogs rally again and grab a 44-41 lead by the end of the quarter on a last-second three-point shot.

Geneva County pushed its lead to 49-41 early in the fourth quarter and appeared ready to take charge, but the Tigers again refused to throw in the towel, and behind the play of Courtney Robinson pulled within 53-49 with 1:28 left in the game.

The Tigers trailed 56-51 with :58 left on the clock, but failed to score again, as the Bulldogs closed the game with a 4-0 spurt to claim the 60-51 win.

Courtney Robinson scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Lance Ryals scored 13 and Lushers Lane added 12 to lead Geneva County.

GC 15 10 19 16 - 60
E 12 18 11 10 - 51

G.C. (60): Kennedy 3, Williams 6, Rogers 2, Ryals 13, C. Lane 2, Green 8, Brooks 3, L. Lane 12



"HOP" KING SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED. Several students majoring in agricultural engineering at Auburn University recently won H.T. "Hop" King Agricultural Engineering Scholarships. Winners are, from left, Steven Carleton of Lacey Springs, Jackson Stokes of Elba, Todd Rutherford of Jasper, and Scott Wilson of Fackler. They are pictured with Paul Turnquist (right), head of AU's Department of Agricultural Engineering. The scholarships were presented during a special ceremony held recently to honor scholarship winners in the AU College of Agriculture. More than \$312,000 in scholarships were awarded during the evening.



AU POULTRY SCIENCE STUDENTS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS. Several students in Auburn University's Department of Poultry Science recently were awarded scholarships through the Alabama Poultry and Egg Association. Honorees, from left, are: Jeff Watson of Elba, Heath Moses of Geraldine, and Michael Martin of Enterprise. Watson won the William L. Baggett, Sr., Scholarship. Pictured congratulating the three winners is Vanessa Himebaugh, communications director with the Alabama Poultry and Egg Association. The three were honored during a special ceremony held on the Auburn campus to recognize scholarship winners in AU's College of Agriculture. More than \$312,000 in scholarships were awarded during the evening.

NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

1ST NINE WEEKS

"A" Honor Roll

Leslie Allison, Lauren Allums, Douglas Lawson, Jenna Donaldson, Ashley Green, Veronica Hernandez, Jeffery Rogers.

Eighth Grade

Christopher Sims, Matthew Windham.

Ninth Grade

Rachel Carroll, Kellen Cole, Britany Mobley, Crystal Tatem, Cody Walker, Amanda Yohn.

Tenth Grade

Clinton Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Justin Campbell, Brandie Head, Paul McMonagle.

Eleventh Grade

Jennifer Hornsby, Heather Meeks, Donna Spencer, Nathan Williams, Jessica Windham.

Twelfth Grade

Ashley Rogers, Tenisha Tidwell, Mark Windham, Daniel Wilmer.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

Jessica Banks, Cassidy Flowers, Steven Lawson, Jeremy Mack, Christopher McMahan, Brett Pearson, Ashley Senn, Tabatha Walden, Jeremy Windham.

Eighth Grade

Nicky Anderson, Jeffrey Campbell, Lorie Donaldson, Austin Harris, Christopher Hines, James Layton, Jessi Padilla, Christopher Stross, Michael Spencer.

Ninth Grade

Jane Anderson, Tisha Andrews, Leann Griffin, Pate Harrison, Amanda Kilpatrick, Veronica Knight, Sa mantha Mitchell, Amber Moates, Michael Richardson, Jessica Spivey.

Tenth Grade

Myrtza Anoa, Misty Brewer, Crystal Burrows, William Downing, Jamilla Flowers, Pamela Hilyer, Charles Hines, Anthony Holloman, Matthew Holloman, Justin Hughes, Travis Kelly, Robert Kinsaul, Emmer Lotley, Gregory McMahan, Natasha Moore, William Moore, Erica Newman, Jessica Truitt, Emily Wise.

Eleventh Grade

Jason Allums, Elizabeth Jones, Annie Kilpatrick, James Lunford, Amanda Mote, Stephanie Senn, Kyle Stickland, Jacob Thompson.

Twelfth Grade

Renee Ammons, Bonnie DeVaughan, Timothy English, Katrina Gamble, Corey Hughes, Chad Kilpatrick, Tina Lader, Cindy Lawson, Enorise Newson, Jana Padilla, Nicole Rodgers, Angie Tindol, Nicky Truitt.

Coffee County Schools Menu

December 9 - 13, 1996

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk.

Tuesday - Donut, Cereal, Juice, Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk.

Thursday - French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk.

Friday - Oatmeal, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk.

LUNCH

Monday - Steak Sandwich or Burrito, Stewed Potatoes, Fried Okra, Fruit Cocktail, Brownie, Milk.

Tuesday - Fried Chicken or Baked Ham, Potatoes, Salad, Turnips, 1/2 Orange, Cornbread, Milk.

Wednesday - Lasagna or Fish Krippy, Butter, Tossed Salad, 1/2 Apple, Garlic Bread, Milk.

Thursday - Sloppy Joe or Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Potato Triangles, Steamed Broccoli, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Peaches, Bread Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Milk.

Friday - Salmon Croquettes or Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Peaches, Bread Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Milk.



NBES STUDENTS CELEBRATE. Students at New Brockton Elementary School celebrated Geography Awareness Week Nov. 17-23. The theme for this year was "Geography: Exploring a World of Habitats, Seeing a World of Difference." Activities for the week included: making and wearing a habitat friendship bracelet, wearing a geography t-shirt, making a habitat hat, watching a habitat related video, exploring habitats around the schoolyard, creating a rainforest and making a Wall of Honor. Pictured above are the winners and honorable mentions for the Create a Habitat Hat Day held last Thursday. All NBES students say, "Let's all work together to give habitats a hand!"

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Coffee County Extension Service News

Tips for keeping a beautiful Christmas tree for the holidays

by Angela Hughes, County Agent

Careful selection of a cut Christmas tree makes for greater longevity of your tree during the holiday season. Select a fresh tree. Branches should be pliable, bending but not breaking easily.

Hide the tree while you transport it. It needs to be covered with a cloth, tarp or in the trunk of the car. Air moving rapidly across the foliage quickly dries out the tree.

Remove an inch or two from the base of the trunk and set the freshly cut end in a bucket of warm water for the tree to "drink". Recharging the water supply in the tree is important for its longevity indoors. Let the tree take up water overnight.

Introduce your tree to the indoor environment. It should be allowed to take up water in a location protected from wind, cold, and even sun if the tree will be left out during part of the day before you can get it inside. If possible, bring the tree into a partially heated area to help it adjust to the

warmer temperatures inside your home.

Supply water daily. Once you anchor the tree in its stand, make sure it has water. Christmas trees absorb between 2 pints and 1 gallon of water per day, so a tree stand that holds at least 1 gallon of water is recommended. Never allow the reservoir of your Christmas tree holder to go dry as an air lock can form in the trunk that can keep the tree from absorbing water again.

Trees and hot, dry places are a dangerous combination. Trees placed near fireplaces, heat vents, television sets and anything else that can dry out the needles not only dry out faster and don't last as long, but they pose a fire threat to your family. Place trees well away from such dry spots.

Messy trees happen. Expect some of the brown, inside needles to drop. Confers normally drop older needles during the winter so you are getting some of the natural leaf drop in your living room. However, keep the tree watered so it won't shed too many needles.

After Christmas, don't just put the tree on the curb to be hauled off in the trash. Recycle it. Some communities offer collection points for trees to be composted or ground and used for mulch. Chop up and use the tree for mulch in your landscape or compost it. One less tree in the landfill is a plus.

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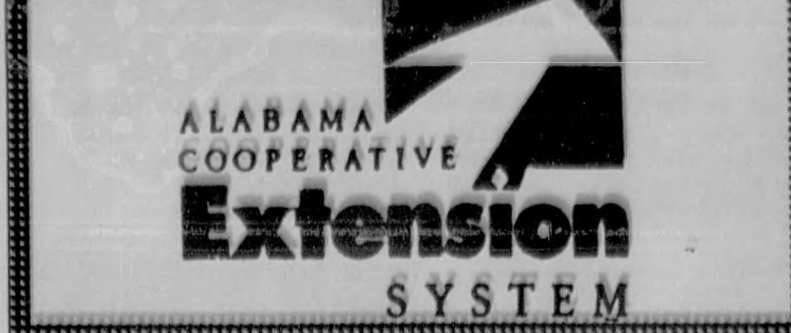
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WRP sign-up now underway

Alabama landowners can have their wetlands and be paid for them too. The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service) is conducting a continuous sign-up for the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) at local NRCS offices.

This sign-up for WRP brings significant changes from the first sign-up. The NRCS will offer landowners three options to participate in the WRP. Eligible land can be entered into 1) permanent easements; 2) 30-year easements; 3) restoration cost-share agreements.

Permanent easements were offered in the previous WRP sign-up and will be offered again with no significant change. Thirty (30) year easements are similar to permanent easements, however, the easement will expire at the end of 30 years. The easements will not require public access to the land.

The third option, "The Restoration Cost Share Agreement," provides financial assistance for implementing wetland restoration practices. These agreements provide cost share assistance for wetland restoration practices and do not involve recorded easements.

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Avoid those holiday hazards

by George Tabb, Asst. County Agent

With Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's approaching, imagine the winter holiday season through the eyes of a toddler. There are colorful, shiny decorations and lights, plants and trees, sweet aromas—all of which could be harmful.

Some common problems you can avoid: keep small batteries and toy parts off the floor, do not display perfume or aftershave lotion (which can be as much as 95% alcohol) under the tree, keep model planes and cemented locked away, know that fireplace colors (fire salts) are toxic, and be sure to clean up after holiday parties so early morning explorers do not consume left over cheer.

Accidental poisonings are often a sign of family stress. Holiday time, with its related excitement and visiting, can cause a stressful disruption of your family's routines. Please be careful and plan ahead during the holiday season to make it fun and safe.

Holiday plants which have a reputation of being poisonous are the poinsettias, but they are really one of the least poisonous of all holiday plants.

Mistletoe (especially the berries) and holly berries are toxic. Be sure to inspect the floor under your arrangements as the plants dry out to ensure that no berries have dropped within reach of children or pets.

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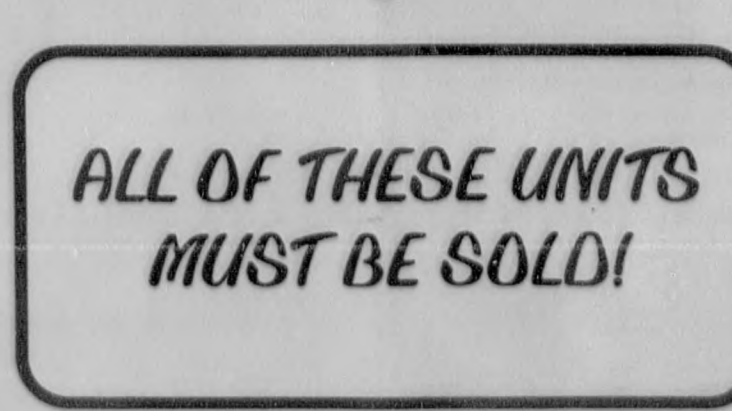
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Sheriff asks commission to fence jail in

by Marvin McLain, Editor

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates appeared before the county commission requesting assistance in erecting a perimeter fence around the jail.

During Monday's meeting, Sheriff Moates explained to commissioners that the purpose of the fence was two-fold - for added security and to help deter the smuggling of contraband into prisoners.

Items such as cigarettes, alcohol

and even narcotics are sometimes thrown into areas to which "jail trustees" and "work release inmates" have access to. This "contraband" is then taken into the facility by these persons.

In addition to helping stop the flow of contraband, the jail will serve as another barrier a fleeing inmate would have to hurdle in order to escape the facility.

Sheriff Moates estimates that the proposed fence will cost approximately \$9,000. He told commissioners that his office could contribute \$2,000 toward the construction cost.

After a short discussion, commissioners agreed to consider the matter after the body inspects the jail and reviews the sheriff's proposal.

Coffee County's Forester, Bob DeVaughn, appeared before the commissioners requesting their assistance in purchasing a new 4-wheel drive pick-up truck for the forestry department.

DeVaughn noted that his department had a balance of \$9,695.00 in the budget which could be used toward the purchase of the vehicle on state bid. Currently the state bid on this type vehicle is \$18,539.22.

He further explained that the Alabama State Forestry Department would pay the balance on the cost of the pick-up.

DeVaughn explained that it is much simpler for the local agency - county commissioner - to handle the purchase (paperwork), in conjunction with the county forestry department, in this manner. The transaction will not cost the county any money.

The commissioners agreed to DeVaughn's request.

Commissioners also agreed to look into the possibility of assisting the Boy Scouts with a road problem.

Larry Miller, speaking on behalf of Camp Alafia, asked for help in paying the access road to the camp. He explained that the condition of the road was a hindrance to the facility being accessed by the handicapped campers.

Elba W&E Board meeting short & sweet

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The monthly Elba Water & Electric Board meeting Monday evening was short and sweet, once the payment of monthly bills were approved.

The only problem which surfaced during this meeting was concern over the increased number of utility users on the "late payment" list.

Board members wanted to know why there were so many (about 40) accounts on the delinquent list. City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported the department was working with some who have unique problems, to get them paid up off and the list. He said several others would have their utilities cut this week if

payment wasn't made.

The board members agreed that it is apparently going to be necessary to "get tough" when bills are not paid by the deadline.

Monthly bills totaled \$26,583.15 for the month.

On a more pleasant side, the Board approved a one time \$75 December pay raise for all employees, tracking what the city approved last month.

The board also approved a 3.5% pay raise across the board, also tracking a pattern set by the city council last month.

The rental agreement with the cable TV franchise is due for renewal. Mayor James Grimes, wearing the hat of utility superintendent,

recommended the board increase the pole rental from \$7.50 to \$10.00. He said other area cities are charging at least \$12.50 per pole.

This was approved unanimously. The only question asked was about going up to the \$12.50 others were charging. Grimes said he hated to increase that much at one time and board members agreed.

Water Superintendent Dennis Coleman reported his department had completed 56 work orders, including repairs to 20 leaks and one new customer tap.

He noted the six inch water line on Teresa street is completed and individual home taps should be complete this week.

Several Seminole Drive residents have been converted to the six inch main in hopes to increase their pressure and clear up the "bad water" problem in that area.

The water main extension on Highway 166 is still in the engineering stage, Coleman reported. He said a number of permits are required to do work along state highways.

Electric Superintendent Larry Edkins reported responding to 51 work orders and installing the Christmas lights around town.

The board commended the department for their work in this area.

Request for underground electrical wiring to homes and businesses will be handled when possible. The charges on new construction will be the difference in the cost of installing overhead lines and the cost of the underground work. The cost will include the additional cost of labor installing the underground electrical services. Cost of converting existing services to underground service will therefore be the entire cost of the conversion, since the overhead service is already in place.

Grimes reported that the utility had recently purchased two 1990 3/4 ton truck from the State of Alabama surplus yard for \$18,000. The vehicles odometers have 32,000 and 33,000 miles respectively.

Commissioners explained that the county did not have paving equipment, but they did agree to look into the situation and do what they could in assisting the organization with the project.

Representatives of the Elba Rescue Squad addressed the commission concerning a policy change.

Danny Jordan, spokesperson for the squad, asked commissioners to reconsider their policy of not allowing county personnel who are trained EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) to respond to emergencies while on the job either personally or as a member of a rescue squad.

Jordan told commissioners that a female employee with the county had been told, by her supervisor, that she could no longer respond to rescue calls while on the job. Reported, this person was told that this was a commission decision.

"We are not asking anything from the county that other businesses in the Elba area are not already doing," said Jordan. "We are asking that the county support us by donating the use of one of its most valuable resources, medically trained county employees."

Jordan also mentioned that the county had been told, by her supervisor, that she could no longer respond to rescue calls while on the job. Reported, this person was told that this was a commission decision.

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TWO KILLED TWO INJURED... A tragic two-vehicle accident at Turner Crossroads (Intersection of Co. Rd. 603 and AL Hwy. 134) claimed the lives of two people and injured two others. The crash occurred shortly after 10 a.m. Monday. Fatally injured were Ammie "Skip" Junior Fleming, age 83, and Evie Lee Rowe, age 75, of the Shiloh Community located east of Elba. Both Fleming and Rowe were together in a 1984 Oldsmobile being driven by Fleming. Jimmy F. Kilcrease, 40, and Charlie MacAndrews, 40, both of Enterprise, were traveling in a 1989 Chevrolet pick-up, Kilcrease was reportedly driving the truck. Both MacAndrews and Kilcrease were taken to Medical Center Enterprise by rescue units from Opp and Enterprise. Kilcrease was listed in guarded condition while MacAndrews was treated and released. Fleming and Rowe were pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Deputy Coroner Sam Hobbs. The accident is being investigated by the Alabama State Troopers, the Alabama Department of Forensic Science, the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office, and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

New Brockton's council meeting smooth

by Marvin McLain, Editor

New Brockton's Town Council wasted little time in moving through its 12-item agenda Monday evening.

It was noted by Mayor Britt Lee that Council member Charles Cole was absent due to a prior commitment.

Mayor Lee began the meeting by talking trash. He noted that several complaints had been received by citizens whose garbage was not being picked up. Some did not even have a garbage can.

Lee told council members that he had contacted the contractor, Royce Harrington, responsible for the town's garbage collection and was working with him in solving the problem.

He noted that some of the problems had been addressed, but others had not. The mayor stated that he would follow up on the matter.

The council introduced ordinances dealing with the franchise agreements with Southeast Alabama Gas District and Covington Electric. Before the ordinances can become effective, the terms of the franchise have to be agreed upon mutually by the council and the grantees (SE Ala. Gas and Covington Electric), and the ordinances have to be read twice.

Monday night's reading will suffice for one time, and the second reading will be in the January meeting of the town council.

Mayor Lee gave the council some good news. He told them that the town had, or soon will receive, two grants from the state totaling \$2,000. The Senior Citizens Center will receive \$1,000 and the police department will receive \$1,000.

He commented, "We want to use this money wisely."

During the discussion of finances, the council voted to discontinue the use of Visa credit cards by the city. The cards will be cancelled and employees traveling will pay their own expenses and then be reimbursed by the town after proper documentation.

The council also agreed to go ahead and pay a note from the bank during the month of January. By doing so, the town will save the town several dollars in interest.

Mayor Lee noted that the receipt of business license fees had generated adequate funds to pay the note early.

He also noted that after the payment of this month's bills, the town will have a balance in the general fund of \$28,548.44.

The council agreed to pay monthly business license fees. This did not include a bill from the town's attorney, Joe Sawyer, for \$12,979.90.

Council members instructed the mayor to review the bill with Sawyer. It supposedly covers a 2-year period of time.

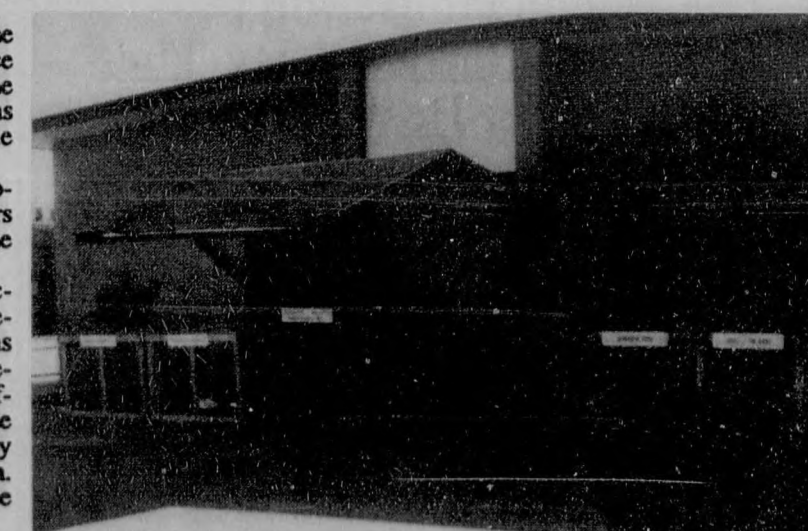
Mayor Lee and members of the council made it clear they were not refusing to pay the bill, they just want an explanation before making payment.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his department, during the past month, answered 9 complaints, made 7 criminal arrests, investigated three accidents (with no injuries), and issued 10 traffic citations.

He also read the resignation of police officer Delane Holloway. It was accepted by the council.

Driggers told council members that he had hired an experienced police officer, Gary Lee Asdel, to replace Holloway. He will be introduced to the council at their next meeting.

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RECYCLING DROP SITE ESTABLISHED... The City of Elba has established a recycling drop site and it is now ready to receive recyclable materials. The drop station is located behind the old high school in downtown Elba. There are separate bins in which to place plastic drink bottles, plastic milk bottles, aluminum cans, and aluminum/steel cans. There is a building which will be used to collect and store old newspapers. The public is encouraged to use his drop-off point.

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NEEDY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. The annual Needy Children's Christmas Party is set for Friday, December 20, at the home of Judge and Mrs. Gary McAlley. Any individuals or groups who wish to make a contribution may do so by contacting Eva McGrath at 393-2618 during his day or Janet McAlley at 347-0484 after 5 p.m. or mail the contribution to: The Children's Christmas Fund, 609 West College Street, Enterprise, AL 36330.

MORE TOYS NEEDED. DHR (Department of Human Resources) is in desperate need of more toys - new and used (in need of no repair). The toys will be distributed on Thursday, December 19, to those children in the Elba area in hopes of making their Christmas a little brighter. The City of Elba and the Chamber of Commerce is assisting DHR in this project. Anyone having toys to donate may drop them off at city hall during business hours or the police department.

FORMER PRESIDENT HONORED. MacArthur State Technical College will name the new health sciences building in honor of former president Raymond V. Chisum during a ceremony at 10 a.m. in front of the building on Thursday (TODAY), December 12. Dr. Chisum retired August 30, 1996, after 21 years of service to the college.